

upon previous usage of said at least one of said audio, image, and video;  
and

- (b) said usage history description scheme including at least one type defined by, at least in part, a thesaurus.

3 (amended once). The usage history description scheme of claim 2 wherein said usage history description scheme describes information of said user with respect to said audio.

4 (amended once). The usage history description scheme of claim 2 wherein said usage history description scheme describes information of said user with respect to said image.

5 (amended once). The usage history description scheme of claim 2 wherein said usage history description scheme describes information of said user with respect to said video.

6 (amended once). A description scheme for at least one of an audio, an image, and a video comprising a plurality of frames comprising:

- (a) said description scheme containing information about a user with respect to said at least one of said audio, image, and video based upon previous usage of said at least one of said audio, image, and video; and
- (b) said description scheme including at least one type characterized by, at least in part, a time associated with said at least one of said audio, image, and video.

8 (amended once). The description scheme of claim 6 wherein said description scheme describes information of said user with respect to said audio.

9 (amended once). The description scheme of claim 6 wherein said description scheme describes information of said user with respect to said image.

10 (amended once). The usage history description scheme of claim 6 wherein said description scheme describes information of said user with respect to said video.

11 (amended once). A system including a usage history description scheme for at least one of an audio, an image, and a video comprising a plurality of frames comprising:

- (a) said usage history description scheme containing information about a user with respect to said at least one of said audio, image, and video based upon previous usage of said at least one of said audio, image, and video;
- (b) content descriptions referenced by said usage history description scheme; and
- (c) said system including referencing functionality permitting said usage history description scheme to reference selected portions of selected said content descriptions.

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16 (amended once). A system including a usage history description scheme for at least one of an audio, an image, and a video comprising a plurality of frames comprising:

- (a) said usage history description scheme containing information about a user with respect to said at least one of said audio, image, and video based upon previous usage of said at least one of said audio, image, and video; and
  - (b) said system capturing content for said usage history description scheme at a selectable level of detail.
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21 (amended once). The usage history description scheme of claim 16 wherein said usage history description scheme describes information of said user with respect to said audio.

22 (amended once). The usage history description scheme of claim 16 wherein said usage history description scheme describes information of said user with respect to said image.

23 (amended once). The usage history description scheme of claim 16 wherein said usage history description scheme describes information of said user with respect to said video.

24 (amended once). A usage history description scheme for at least one of an audio, an image, and a video comprising a plurality of frames comprising:

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- (a) said usage history description scheme containing information about a user with respect to said at least one of said audio, image, and video based upon previous usage of said at least one of said audio, image, and video; and
- (b) said usage history description scheme including data indicating whether the user's identity is intended to be revealed to third parties.

25 (amended once). The usage history description scheme of claim 24 wherein said usage history description scheme describes information of said user with respect to said audio.

26 (amended once). The usage history description scheme of claim 24 wherein said usage history description scheme describes information of said user with respect to said image.

27 (amended once). The usage history description scheme of claim 24 wherein said usage history description scheme describes information of said user with respect to said video.

28 (amended once). A system including a usage history description scheme for at least one of an audio, an image, and a video comprising a plurality of frames comprising:

- (a) said usage history description scheme containing information about a user with respect to said at least one of said audio, image, and video based

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upon previous usage of said at least one of said audio, image, and video;  
and

- (b) said system selectively defining the content of said usage history description scheme at multiple levels of granularity.

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31 (amended once). The system of claim 28 wherein said usage history description scheme describes information of said user with respect to said audio.

32 (amended once). The system of claim 28 wherein said usage history description scheme describes information of said user with respect to said image.

33 (amended once). The system of claim 28 wherein said usage history description scheme describes information of said user with respect to said video.

34 (amended once). A method of using usage history information describing at least one of an audio, an image, and a video comprising a plurality of frames comprising:

- (a) providing said usage history information containing information about a user with respect to said at least one of said audio, image, and video based upon previous usage of said at least one of said audio, image, and video;  
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(b) selectively defining the content of said usage history description scheme at multiple levels of granularity.

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39 (amended once). A method of obtaining usage history information describing at least one of an audio, an image, and a video comprising a plurality of frames comprising obtaining said usage history information containing information about a user with respect to said at least one of said audio, image, and video based upon previous usage of said at least one of said audio, image, and video in a manner free from explicit user input.



**Please add the following new claims:**

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41. The method of claim 2 wherein said information is processed to determine preferences of said user.
42. The method of claim 6 wherein said information is processed to determine preferences of said user.
43. The method of claim 11 wherein said information is processed to determine preferences of said user.
44. The method of claim 16 wherein said information is processed to determine preferences of said user.
45. The method of claim 24 wherein said information is processed to determine preferences of said user.
46. The method of claim 28 wherein said information is processed to determine preferences of said user.